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REMARKS

This is a Response made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to the Office Action dated July 13, 2006. By this response, several edits have been made to claims 1, 9 and 10. We have also added new claim 22 that more fully recites various aspects of the hold queue. Support for the new language can be found in the Application as originally filed (e.g. at paragraph 0025), and no new matter has been added by this Response.

The most recent Office Action continues to cite US Publications Nos. US2003/0032460 ("Cannon") and US2002/0111715 ("Richard"). Both of these references were discussed in our prior response. As we have noted previously, neither Cannon nor Richard describe a system that allows calls from multiple telephone sources to be placed on hold or in a common queue, as recited by each of our independent claims. To make this point even more clearly, we have amended each of our independent claims to recite the express step of *maintaining a connection between the hold queue in the vehicle audio system and the first one of the plurality of telephone sources while the second call remains active to thereby continue the first call even though the first and second calls emanate from different telephone sources*. Neither Cannon, Richard nor the combination of the two can anticipate or obviate at least this feature of our claims.

The Office Action correctly acknowledges that the primary reference, Cannon, does not disclose the hold queue features found in our prior claims. Richard similarly lacks such a feature. Indeed, the Richard reference contains minimal reference to telephone functions at all, much less to the sophisticated multi-phone features recited in our claims. Richard's only meaningful mention of a "hold" feature is found at paragraphs 0112-0113, which simply describe conventional "hold button" functionality without regard to multiple telephone sources. The Richard reference clearly fails to anticipate at least the portions of our claims relating to a hold queue that is configured to maintain connections with separate phone systems. Because neither Cannon, Richard, nor the combination of the two can describe each and every feature of our claimed inventions, we respectfully request favorable reconsideration and allowance.

The Office Action additionally fails to make a prima facie case of obviousness for several reasons. In particular, each of the references is complete unto itself, and neither suggests the need for the combination as required by MPEP § 2143.01. At the very least, the Office Action's reasons for the combination ("to allow user to access a broad spectrum of information and

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services from the convenience of the user's vehicle") is not borne out by the references, nor is this reason legally sufficient for suggesting the combination of these particular references. These points are cumulative to those above, however, and need not be belabored at this time. Nevertheless, we reserve the right to challenge the legality of the obviousness rejection at a later date and/or upon Appeal.

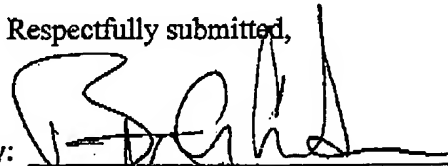
For the reasons given above, all claims pending in the application are believed allowable and such allowance is respectfully requested. If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or has not paid a sufficient fee for this Response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge to our Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

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